

Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET welcomes: Tavares Pediatric Center, Joseph Giancaspro, MD and East Side Pediatrics.

When using ACTHIB, please indicate on the Immunization Data Sheets by putting ACTHIB CPT code 90648, in the "Other" field.

Temporary Suspension of Hib Vaccine Booster Requirement for Preschool Entry

A temporary shortage of Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) vaccine was announced in December. Due to the shortage, the Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) has requested that pediatric healthcare providers temporarily postpone the booster dose of Hib vaccine for all healthy children who are not at high-risk of disease.

In Rhode Island, age appropriate vaccination against Hib disease is required for entry into preschool and child daycare settings. As a result of the shortage, many children will not meet the requirements for Hib vaccination set forth in the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing. **Therefore effective immediately, the preschool entry requirement for a Hib vaccine booster dose is temporarily suspended.** Preschools should maintain a list of children with incomplete Hib vaccine series and refer to the child's healthcare provider for catch-up vaccination once vaccine supply improves. HEALTH will inform providers and schools when to resume the routine schedule and catch-up children who have fallen behind.

Influenza Update

On February 13, 2008, the Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) issued a press release informing Rhode Islanders that flu activity is widespread in the state and encouraging anyone who had not received a flu shot that it is not too late to do so. Widespread influenza continues to circulate and CDC is recommending that vaccination efforts should continue from now throughout March and April. The National Influenza Vaccine Summit website at: www.preventinfluenza.org and CDC's Seasonal Flu web section at www.cdc.gov/flu have the latest news and information. For influenza surveillance in Rhode Island see: www.health.ri.gov/flu/activity.php.

National Infant Immunization Week in Rhode Island: April 19-26, 2008

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is celebrated annually to promote the importance of immunizations. Special activities and community events are planned to educate parents and providers about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases. This year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are recognizing Rhode Island for our high rates of childhood immunization. Melinda Wharton MD, MPH from CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) will be visiting Rhode Island April 24 - 26th to speak at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) spring training, Pediatric Grand Rounds, and HEALTH's Childhood Immunization Coalition meeting and annual School Nurse teacher conference.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Providers can participate in NIIW by running the Missing Immunization Report in KIDSNET to identify any children in their practice who are not up-to-date and then provide the appropriate follow-up. Providers running this report between March 9th and April 12th will be recognized during National Infant Immunization Week.

Important Mail Coming Your Way

Annual enrollment information for the Federal Vaccine for Children, State Supplied Vaccines for Children and KIDSNET Programs will be mailed to you soon.

Rhode Island HL7 Implementation Guide

We are pleased to announce that Version 1.8 of the Rhode Island HL7 Implementation Guide for Immunization Transactions has been posted to the Health Department Web site:

www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet/dataexchange.php HL7 Immunization transactions are used to submit immunization data to KIDSNET and the Immunization Program.

Please share the new version of the Implementation Guide with your IT staff or vendor since there are many important changes and updates. All changes are summarized at the beginning of the document. Providers that are able to send KIDSNET immunization data via HL7 transactions utilizing the Guide no longer have to submit Immunization Data Sheets. We are happy to work with additional vendors to test HL7 transactions from their products. If you are ready to begin testing HL7 transactions or need additional information, contact Kim Salisbury-Keith at 222-5925 or kim.salisburykeith@health.ri.gov

Immunization Report

In February 2008, the following 9 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Westerly Pediatrics, Dr. Dante Ramos, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Barrington Pediatrics, Fatima Health Center, St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, East Bay Family Health Care, and Dr. Richard Ohnmacht.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In February 2008, the following 31 pediatric practices used this report: **Bristol County Pediatrics, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Children First Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Cranston University Medical Group, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Treatment Center, Dr. Douglas Foreman, Dr. Joseph Giancaspro, Dr. Soek Lee, Dr. Polly Leonard, Mill River Pediatrics, Northwest Health Center, Olneyville Health Center, Dr. Jennifer Souther, South County Pediatric Group, St. Joseph Immunization Clinic, Dr. Dante Ramos, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Fatima Health Center, Thundermist Health Centers of Woonsocket, West Warwick and South County, University Family Medicine Foundation, University Pediatrics, Wakefield Pediatrics, Westerly Pediatrics, Dr. Roger Mennillo, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Family Medicenter, and Renaissance Medical Group.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!